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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.52)  
**09/890217**  
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO <b>PCT/JP00/08391</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>29 November 2000</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>November 1999</b>
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TITLE OF INVENTION  
**METHOD OF ENHANCING SALTY TASTE, SALTY TASTE ENHANCER, SALTY TASTE SEASONING AGENT AND SALTY TASTE-ENHANCED FOODS**

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☒ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: Copies of: PCT Request (Form PCT/RO/101), Form PCT/ISA/210; Form PCT/IB/301; Form PCT/IB/304 and Form PCT/IB/308.

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21. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

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<b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EP or JPO ..... <b>\$860.00</b> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)) ..... <b>\$690.00</b> No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492 (a)(1)) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492(a)(2)) ..... <b>\$710.00</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... <b>\$1,000.00</b> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492 (a)(4)) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... <b>\$100.00</b> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b></div>																										
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a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 2670.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.  
 b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of  
 this sheet is enclosed.  
 c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment  
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**NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.**

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